

March 28, 1980

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Peter Tarnoff  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

Brig. Gen. Carl Smith  
Military Assistant to the  
Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT:        Invitation to Argentine Chief of Army Staff

Although it was decided at the V-B-B that Ambassador Smith was to invite Vaquero to the United States, we understand that, on advice of Embassy Buenos Aires, he did not do so. He did, however, tell Foreign Minister Pastor that we would welcome a high-level visit, and intimated to Vaquero that he would be welcome as long as there were no untoward developments in US-Argentine relations. (C)

Would you please coordinate our next step in this and inform us by April 10 whether and, if so, how and when the invitation will be extended to General Vaquero. (C)

Christine Dodson  
Staff Secretary

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